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FICATION AND PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR ATO (MR.) GIRMA ZEWDE

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1. PLEASEFILE NOMINATION FOR ATO (MR.) GIRMA ZEWDE AS PARTIAL SUBSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE GROUP ALLOCATION FOR FY76. SEE REFTEL.

2. AT GIRMA BIO-DATA:

GIRMA ZEWDE, BORN JUNE 13, 1937, ADDIS ABABA; HEAD OF VEHICLES AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPALITY OF ADDIS ABABA; HOLDS LLB, LA SALLE EXTENSION UNIVERSITY (1975) AND DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM, BELGRADE (1961); HAS TRAVELLED TO YUGOSLAVIA, ENGLAND, GREECE, ITALY, GERMANY, SUDAN AND KENYA; IS MARRIED, 5 CHILDRENV SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY. HIS MAJOR HOBBY IS SWIMMING.

3. NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION: ATO GIRMA IS ACTUALLY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ADDIS ABABA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION AS WELL AS VEHICLE CONTROL. HE IS ALSO CITY PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR. ATO GIRMA HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COM-PLETE REORGANIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE OF PUBLIC
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SAFETY IN ADDIS. HIS CURRENT POST (VICE-MINISTER LEVEL) IS OF

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HIGHEST IMPORTANCE. THIS, PLUS PAST POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, JUSTIFIED OUR INTEREST IN THIS INTELLIGENT, AMBITIOUS YOUNG URBAN ADSPJISTRATO.

4. ATO GIRMA'S VISIT TO USA MUST FOCUS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISIONS OF AMERICAN CITIES. IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE, HE WANTS OVERVIEW OF COMPLETE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THESE CITIES. HE SHOULD THEREFORE:

A. VISIT THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS OF SUCH CITIES AS WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, DETROIT, DENVER OR ALBUQUERQUE, AND LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO ... WITH EMPHASIS ON ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES.

B. VISIT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND ONE STATE OFFICE OF THE FBI.

C. VISIT NATIONAL OFFICES OF POLICEMAN AND FIREMAN ORGANIZATIONS,

D. VISIT ONE FIRST-RATE POLICE ACADEMY AND FIRE ACADEMY, AND

E. VISIT A UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND CRIMINOLOGY (BUT ONLY FOR MAXIMUM TWO-DAY PERIOD AS ATO GIRMA IS VERY "PRACTICAL" ORIENTED.

5. STRONG INDICATION THAT GRANTEE CAN BE RELEASED BY CITY TO TRAVEL BEFORE JUNE 30. POST WILL FORWARD ETA SOONEST UPON NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE.

6. CABLE ASAP NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND IF CHARGED AGAINST FY-76 IV GRANT ALLOCATION.

7. POST SUBMITS AS ALTERNATE ATO (MR.) MEKURIA WORKU, COM-MISSIONER OF PENSIONS; BORN OCT. 1928 IN HARAR (ETHIOPIA); HOLDS BA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS FROM MICHAGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING (1955-58); ENGLISH FLUENT.
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